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Mobilization Of Resources

Joint Mission Education Strategy Develops In SBC

NASHVILLE (BP) — A comprehensive missions education strategy for Southern Baptists began taking form here with representatives of five agencies working out details on a series of approaches and developing an administrative plan.

Carolyn Weatherford of Birmingham, executive director of Women's Missionary Union, was elected chairperson of the executive group of the newly formed Missions Education Council, which includes Glendon McCullough of Memphis, executive di-

rector of the Brotherhood Commission; Grady Cothen of Nashville, president of the Sunday School Board; William Tanner of Atlanta, executive director of the Home Mission Board; and Baker James Cauthen of Richmond, executive director of the Foreign Mission Board.

The planners also agreed to employ a staff assistant to lead in designing and launching cooperative projects of the Missions Education Council.

Named to the position was Miss Katharine Bryan, former director of

Baptist Women for the Texas Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, who is currently enrolled in a doctoral program. Tenure is for one year and is renewable for an additional year.

The joint missions strategy effort grew out of the missions challenge recommendations, adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Norfolk in 1976, which called for unprecedented mobilization of denominational resources to win the world to Christ.

The planners agreed to develop as part of the strategy a coordinated curriculum, a communications plan with church staff members, a national merchandising plan for missions education materials, an evaluation plan, and a missions education growth plan.

The planners said the coordinated missions education curriculum will include the elements of balance, sequence, dating, and an integration of content.

The communications plan for church staff will focus on the pastor

and will include a missions education digest vehicle, the council reported. The merchandising plan will include sales efforts by catalog, book store and telephone.

The missions education growth plan will encourage mission education in every church, with special attention to small and large churches.

In the area of research and development, planners will develop and test mission education approaches before they are recommended to churches.

Kentucky Case

Suit Seeks To Remove Baptist Tax Exemption

FRANKFORT, Ky. (BP) — Kentucky's department of revenue has filed suit in circuit court to reverse an order of the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals which grants exemption from state sales tax to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

In 1976 the department of revenue, re-evaluating the convention's 1970 exemption from the sales tax, decided it no longer qualified as an exempt institution. But the board of tax appeals upheld the convention's appeal of the decision on grounds that it is a religious, educational and charitable institution and, as such, is exempt from paying taxes under the Kentucky constitution.

But the department of revenue, declaring the board of tax appeals "erred in allowing the exemption," alleges in its suit that the convention's "nature is administrative rather than charitable, educational or religious."

Kentucky Baptist executive secretary, Franklin Owen, expressed amazement at the second effort to tax the mission gifts of more than 2,209 Kentucky Southern Baptists churches which support the convention's mission endeavors and its instructional programs among churches.

He said the suit "clearly discriminates against our denomination on the basis of our polity (form of church government). We do not regard our denomination (convention) as 'church' as other large denominations tend to do. Baptist polity sees the local congregation as the church. Our convention, whether in session or not, is our sense of larger corporate being."

Calling the convention set up "voluntary, cooperative and non-authoritative but fulfilling all the mechanical functions of what others might call 'church headquarters,'" Owen declared:

"The convention budget treasury (Cooperative Program) supports our instructional program among the churches and is the conduit through which church gifts flow to Christian institutions and world missions. It follows then that when the convention is taxed the missions gifts of its churches are being taxed," he said.

"We seem to be singled out as the one denomination (in Kentucky) to pay sales tax," he continued. "This is amazing in view of our convention's 2,209 churches, with 700,000 members, twice as many as the next largest denomination."

However, Franklin added: "I do not believe the main goal is just to discriminate against us. I conjecture that it is simply part of the closer and closer search of the last nook and cranny in our society from which another tax dollar might be extracted, even from church gifts."

"Apparently, our system of polity

makes us look technically like the easiest church treasury to invade. If the gifts of funds from this largest Kentucky religious body could indeed be taxed, then the case would be greatly strengthened to make the same extraction from every other religious group in the state. All church denominations then are placed in jeopardy by this rifle shot at Kentucky Baptists."

Owen said the "strong tradition" of separation of churches and state in the United States "means no preferential treatment of any particular religion or sect" and that it also "means no discrimination."

"America has traditionally respected religious faith and practice and seen it as a source of moral strength in the nation. Our country has traditionally upheld maximum religious freedom and has maintained a climate that encourages religious and moral endeavor."

Pollard Returns To Baptist Hour Show

Frank D. Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, has been named to host "The Baptist Hour," a nationally syndicated radio program heard on 356 stations across the country.

He will travel to Fort Worth, Texas, several times a year to record the show. A half-hour program, "The Baptist Hour" is produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

This is not Pollard's first appearance on the Baptist-produced show. He was a summer vacation speaker in 1975 and spoke again during the winter of 1976.

"We received so much favorable mail from listeners about the quality of his sermons and the sincerity of his presentations that the Commission's board of trustees selected him to speak for a full year," said Paul Stevens, commission president.

Pollard was originally scheduled to begin his year's preaching in October.

He agreed to move his schedule up a month after Jaroy Weber, who preceded him in the radio pulpit, suffered a heart attack. Weber, of Lubbock, Texas, is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Pollard's September sermons are a series based on the prayer Jesus taught his disciples. He will begin a series of sermons on living with dying in October.

The program is hosted by a former Mississippian, Jon Rivers of Pine Grove, Rivers, who uses the professional name of John Gary for "The Baptist Hour," is a Fort Worth announcer.

"We're changing the 'Baptist Hour' format a little to make it less a structured worship service and more of a worship experience," said Stevens. "At the beginning of the program there will be interviews of people talking with Dr. Pollard about a variety of experiences dealing with the program theme."

Some of those who will be heard on upcoming Baptist Hour programs include Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., industrialist; Owen Gregory and

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State	New Missions	\$100,000
	Disaster Task Force	25,000
Mission	Pastoral Aid	9,000
	Church Bldg. Aid	11,000
Offering	Garaywa (Operation)	40,000
	Central Hills	45,000
Distribution	Garaywa Improvements	45,000
		\$275,000

Mission Service Corps Defined By Committee

NASHVILLE (BP) — A special committee studying formation of the Mission Service Corps (MSC), which will be designed to put 5,000 volunteers on Southern Baptist home and foreign mission fields by 1982, has agreed on a definition for the MSC and the need for a steering committee to coordinate the committee's continuing work.

At a meeting here, characterized by a strong sense of excitement about the MSC concept which grew out of action at the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Kansas City, the committee also heard reports from the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards, representatives of state conventions and others on suggested MSC implementation.

The committee will collate the voluminous information and make specific recommendations to the SBC Executive Committee, Sept. 19-21 in Nashville. By October, committee members said, data will be available on the process a person must follow in signing up for a one or two-year term of service in cooperation with the Home or Foreign Mission Board, state conventions or associations.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, a member of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, attended the meeting as a member of the study committee.

"I feel I have never participated in a

convention-wide activity that had such solid support," said Cooper.

He said he felt that one of the benefits of organizing the Mission Service Corps will be in "stimulating interest in the many other mission programs and activities, including increasing mission giving."

President Jimmy Carter, whose pastor, Charles Trentham of First Baptist Church, Washington, attended the meeting, sent a telegram to the committee expressing thanks "for the responsiveness with which you are working out the means for doubling our mission personnel in the next five years. May I encourage you to allow no complexity or problem to slow down the process of so challenging our people."

Concept for MSC grew out of a recommendation Carter, an active Southern Baptist layman, made via videotape to the 1977 SBC annual meeting.

The MSC definition agreed on by the committee, made up of a wide range of Southern Baptist leadership, says:

"The Mission Service Corps is a plan for enlisting and utilizing Southern Baptists to give full time for a period of one or two years in mission work under the direction of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, state mission board or association. These persons may support themselves financially or their sup-

port may come from gifts by individuals, groups of individuals, churches, groups of churches or others. This support should be designated other than the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong or state mission offerings. The personnel and projects shall be subject to the approval of the mission agencies involved."

The committee asked MSC committee chairman W. Ches Smith, a pastor from Tifton, Ga., and also Executive Committee chairman, to appoint the steering committee in cooperation mission board leaders.

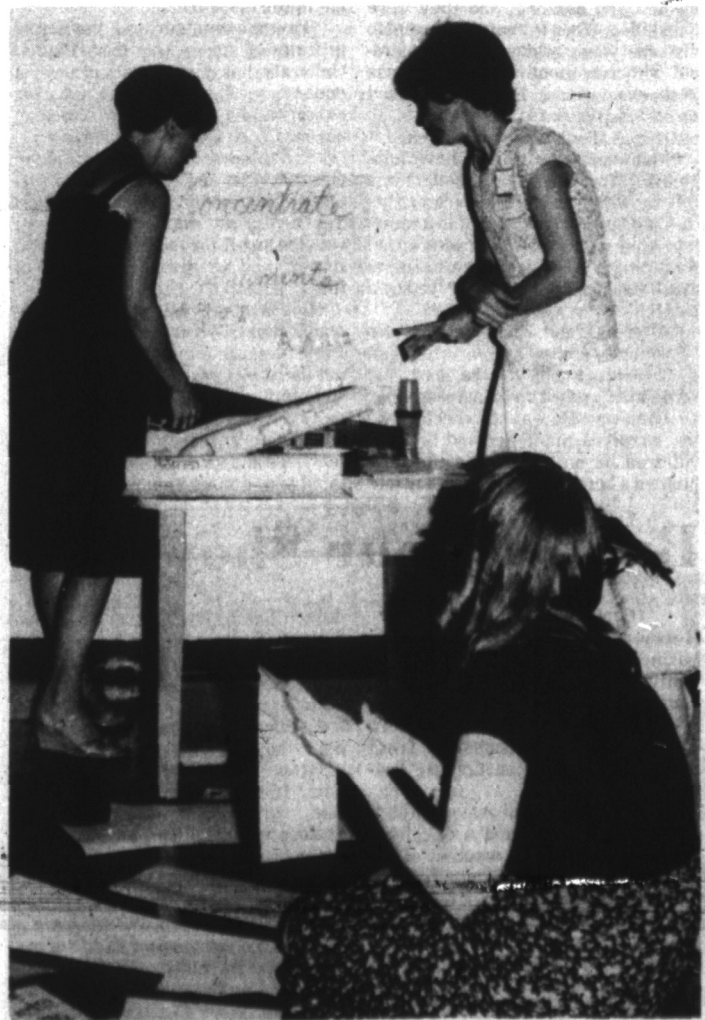
Committee members and guests invited to give input urged that the MSC concept be implemented so that it will enhance the SBC's ongoing mission work and not run counter to it.

"This may be the most stimulating, challenging, radical thing Southern Baptists have ever done, and I'm for it," one pastor declared, "but we shouldn't get intoxicated on one thing if it doesn't undergird the Cooperative Program and the whole missions enterprise."

He and others emphasized that the program offer an "opportunity for sacrificial service," that it be "exciting and person-centered" and that it be used "as a God-given instrument to think through strategy and style, not just to put more people in the same pot but to find new ways to use them."

Music Clinic

The Music Leadership Clinic in Jackson last week, drew 400 people. They learned music crafts and games for children. At left Beverly Mercer (on left) of Cleveland explains a fishing for musical instruments game. Plus they had music reading sessions, discussed music ministry itself, and discussed Christmas music and special programs. Below are pictured some of the participants and leaders. Left to right are host Gary Anglin, minister of music at Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson, Dan Hall, Mississippi Baptist Music Department Director, Lloyd Mims, of Collins, music specialist coordinator for youth; Sarah Talley, music specialist coordinator for children's choirs; J. M. Wood, music minister for Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, and session leader; and James Woodward, dean of fine arts at Oklahoma Baptist University and guest clinician. (Tim Nicholas Photos)

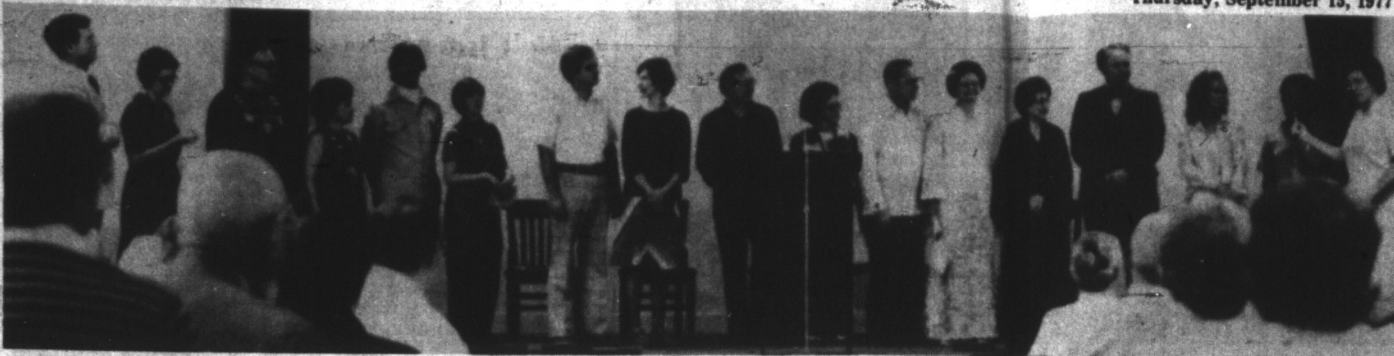


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World Mission Rally

Martha and Dolton Haggan, missionaries to the Choctaw Indians in Philadelphia, told the history of state Indian work during the state World Mission Rally at Garaywa Saturday. 250 people attended the annual event. (More pictures inside)



Missionary lineup at World Mission Rally left to right are: Dolton and Martha Haggan, Mississippi Choctaw Indians; Stanley and Glenna Stamps, Nicaragua; Paul and Fran Vandercook, Mississippi, Internationals; David and Brenda Myers, Mississippi, Christian social ministries; James and Dottie Gilbert, Ecuador; James and Zelma Foster, Philippines; Flora and Robert Holifield, Italy; and Lois and Frank Ruiz, Mississippi, Spanish. Holding the mike for introductions is Marjean Patterson, state director of Woman's Missionary Union.

World Mission Rally At Garaywa



Lloyd Corder and "Joe the Baptist" offered conversation with the children and later the adults. With his informal, humorous style, Corder taught them about missions.



Robert and Flora Holifield, missionaries to Italy, led a session.

After 12 Years In Prison, Pastor Reunites With Family

By Indy Whitten

MADRID (European Baptist Press Service) — Benjamin Valdes Martinez, a Cuban Baptist pastor, was among a number of Baptist pastors jailed for alleged illicit money exchange and, in some cases, for helping others to leave the country illegally. Two Americans, Herbert Caudill and his son-in-law, the Rev. David Fite, also were among those imprisoned. The outlook seemed dark as these men faced sentences as long as 20 years.

Benjamin Valdes of Matanza, who was sentenced to a 12-year term, is a third-generation Christian. He had felt called to the ministry at age 15, after he married Carmen Gonzalez, of Artimisa (Havana), and they had four children: Ruth, Carmen, Odaniel and Benjamin.

The Valdes family was awakened at dawn on April 7, 1965, and Benjamin was taken to prison, with little explanation. For 28 days he was kept in Security Confinement and then taken to "La Cabana." During the 12-year term he was moved to different places with varying conditions. Some were less "desirable" than others. His wife and children were allowed to visit him once a month. The children's ages ranged from two to 11 years old.

Finally, Carmen concluded she must think of her children's future, so they left for the United States, via Spain. Carmen and Benjamin saw each other for the last time before they

parted, in April, 1968. At that visit Benjamin had to go to the officials to sign documents for her leaving, but their goodbyes were restricted.

The family was in Spain four months and then went to Marietta, Georgia, sponsored by the First Baptist Church. There they made their home in an atmosphere of love and support on the part of the church people. Through the years Benjamin kept indirect contact with his family.

Valdes was released from prison on April 7, of this year. He says he was never deeply depressed because the Lord was with him, and because he prayed to be delivered from hate.

"Hate will destroy a man," he says. Yet during his last three years of imprisonment, he wrote few letters and was never sure those arrived at their destination.

When asked if he ever got to the point of feeling thankful for the prison experience, Valdes replied, "Yes, I think the Lord knew what I needed to bring me closer to Him and to grow as a Christian. But when you tell this, don't try to put me 'way up there' in some high place. I just did what I could and had to do. One of the important things of my 12-year imprisonment was being able to minister to others. Many were won to Christ."

After his release from prison, Benjamin talked with his wife and children by telephone. He said he would not have recognized the children, though he had seen pictures of them. After all, twelve years does bring great changes in small children.

On August 20, Dr. Oscar Romo of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board called to announce the arrival in Madrid of Benjamin Valdes. The following Monday morning I met this handsome, 48-year-old pastor as he walked serenely into the waiting of Iberia Airlines. Another telephone conversation with Dr. Romo revealed that Carmen would arrive the following morning.

And so it was that Tuesday morning, August 23, Benjamin, with three members of this writer's family right behind him, was anxiously peering through the observation glass at Madrid airport to catch the first glimpse of his wife after so many years.

We didn't see those first moments of

their meeting. That was as it should be; such a time is too sacred for others to witness. But when they appeared, arm in arm, we knew that God's grace had triumphed in both of them. The twelve long years of waiting had ended; the way ahead was open.

Vocational Evangelists' Retirement Plan Activated

ATLANTA (BP) — The retirement plan for vocational evangelists, introduced before the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Norfolk, is "operative and in force," reported Harold Bailey of the SBC's Annuity Board in Dallas.

Although no available statistics reveal the exact number of evangelists participating in this special retirement program, Bailey said he receives frequent inquiries about the plan.

Until the retirement program for Southern Baptist Vocational Evangelists was approved, vocational evangelists usually could not qualify for or participate in the Annuity Board's retirement program.

Bailey explained "that the legal charter granted the Annuity Board prohibited us from providing protection coverage for anybody not directly Southern Baptist related." Vocational evangelists not employed by a SBC church or institution were ineligible.

With the new program, a Southern Baptist vocational evangelist may enroll in the retirement plan through "certification" arranged by the pastor of the local Southern Baptist church of which he is a member and by the state convention office," said Bailey.

The retirement program, announced during "the Evangelists' Seminar" sponsored by the Home Mission Board's mass evangelism department, outlined a need among evangelists, said Bobby Sunderland, department director.

Sunderland was a vocational evangelist himself for three years. As a pastor he participated in the SBC's annuity program for pastors. But when he became a vocational evangelist he lost eligibility to participate in the state convention Plan A program through the Annuity Board. "For years I blamed the Annuity Board. They weren't to blame, but they got the blame in my heart," he said.

Later Sunderland discovered that three parties had contributed to his annuity when he was a pastor — the church, the state convention and himself. Individuals could not participate alone, unless the state conventions permitted vocational evangelists to be a part of their program, said Bailey.

Other state conventions could not "foot the bill" for evangelists in their states.

The new plan overcomes special problems for vocational evangelists, said Bailey. "It's not that we haven't been interested in the vocational evangelist before. We just had a lot of rough places to work through."

A year before approving the retirement plan, the Annuity Board opened the church insurance program.

With the insurance program, evangelists are eligible for term life insurance, as well as disability and medical programs.

"We believe it helps the individual to be tied to the denomination. We think this is a psychological benefit to them

(Mrs. Whitten is a former editor of EL ECO, official organ of the Spanish Baptist Union. She and her Charles, natives of Louisville and Weir, Miss., respectively, recently returned to their missionary jobs in Spain following furlough in the U.S.)

and their church," Bailey suggested. Since many vocational evangelists move from pastorate into evangelism or from evangelism to pastorate, the plan allows them to transfer funds

New York (RNS) — Church World Service (CWS), relief arm of the National Council of Churches, has airlifted two million tablets to purify drinking water to New Delhi and Calcutta to aid victims of India's recent floods. Church officials in New Delhi have called the flooding "the worst in living memory." More than 500,000 persons have been affected.

Harrisburg, Pa. (RNS) — Preaching and the distribution of religious literature in Pennsylvania state parks are subject to state regulations and First Amendment rights may be restricted in this area, according to Attorney General Robert P. Kane. Mr. Kane issued the ruling at the request of the state's Department of Environmental Resources (DER), operator of the parks because of the activities of the Hare Krishna movement.

Charlotte (RNS) — PTL, which syndicates the television program "PTL Club" and conducts related ministries, is "halting all expansion plans until our bills are paid," according to its public relations director, Robert Manzano. Unpaid bills are said to total about \$2 million. Jim Bakker, host of the show, said in a recent telecast that plans for a \$50 to \$100 million complex — one including a university, a retirement center and other facilities — would be delayed because PTL is 30 to 60 days behind in payments on other bills.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The number of legal abortions obtained by Washington, D. C., residents in 1976 exceeded the number of births by about one-third — 12,945 abortions compared with 9,634. The DHR reported that a total 5,065 children were born in 1976 to unmarried women, compared with 4,570 to married women. The proportion of out-of-wedlock births has increased from 51.2 per cent in 1975 to 52.6 per cent in 1976.

Newport, R. I. (RNS) — A U.S. district judge has ruled that the Newport municipal election must be postponed because it falls on Sept. 13, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

Nashville (RNS) — A United Methodist charismatic fellowship is being incorporated by four persons who took part in the ecumenical conference on charismatic renewal in Kansas City, Mo., in July. An estimated 250,000 of the 9.9 million members of the United Methodist Church are thought to be active in the charismatic movement. Of these, 750 took part in the Kansas City ecumenical meeting.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A Seventh-day Adventist leader says American workers need a "conscience clause" to protect their constitutional right to free exercise of religion. Robert L. Nixon, an attorney, represents Adventists having labor-union difficulties. He said several Congressmen have introduced "conscience clause" bills, including H.R. 3384 by Rep. Frank Thompson, Jr., (D-N.J.), chairman of the House Labor-Management Subcommittee; and H.R. 7976, by Rep. John N. Ehrlenborn (R-Ill.), also a member of the subcommittee. These measures would permit religious dissenters to contribute the equivalent of union dues and fees to a non-religious charity.

New York (RNS) — Soviet authorities are reported to be processing applications from about a dozen Pentecostal families who want to emigrate to the United States. They are among several hundred Pentecostals who are being aided in their efforts to leave the Soviet Union by the Tolstoy Foundation here and by Evangelism to Communist Lands in Glendale, Calif.

Los Angeles (RNS) — What is amounting to a newspaper trend in southern California to restrict or ban outright advertising of pornographic movies has gained strong religious support and the threat of freedom of speech suits from "adult" film interests. The latest — and largest — newspaper to ban ads for smut films is the Los Angeles Times, a move that has won accolades from Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los Angeles who was in correspondence with Times publisher Otis Chandler to urge him to institute such a ban.

Leper Work Inadequate

KOWLOON, Hong Kong (RNS) — Government, church, and other efforts to help lepers are inadequate, according to a Christian leprosy worker.

Dr. Grace Warren, an adviser in leprosy and reconstructive surgery based in Manarom, Thailand, said during a visit here that despite efforts of such organizations as the Leprosy Mission and the American Leprosy Mission, "the majority of leprosy treatment centers are inadequately staffed; many of them do not have the services of enough qualified and interested medical personnel."

According to estimates, only one in five of the world's 15 million lepers is being treated. With population growth, "there are more leprosy patients today than ever before," she said.

S. S. Leung of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong, secretary of the Hong Kong auxiliary of the Leprosy Mission, noted community resistance to lepers continues strong, even in medically controlled situations such as hospitals.

Yet, observed Dr. Warren, "there is no real medical reason why patients under treatment for leprosy should not partake in communal activities with non-leprosy persons."

Leprosy, which takes several forms of varying severity, has long been the cause of exile from the community.

Mrs. Kelly Returns Home After Surgery

Mrs. Earl Kelly, wife of the executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has returned home from Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson following surgery.

Kelly said that doctors will continue to evaluate Mrs. Kelly's condition during the recuperation period.

Fewer Baptists Held In USSR

KESTON, Eng. (RNS) — The Center for the Study of Religion and Communism at Keston College here, reports a trend in the Soviet Union "toward the accelerated release of Baptist prisoners, of whom there are now less than at any time in the last eleven years."

This analysis is based on a new Bulletin of the Council of Prisoners' Relatives in the USSR which reached the center here.

The Bulletin reported 53 Baptist prisoners as of mid-May, down 16 from a report made last December. The Rev. Georgi Vins, the most celebrated Baptist prisoner, is scheduled for release from a labor camp in March 1979, but is subject to exile to a remote area of the Soviet Union until 1984.

The center's report speculates on the possibility of some sort of amnesty for at least some of the prisoners to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Soviet revolution in November.

Besides noting the prisoner decline, the latest Bulletin also mentions various harassments of believers — particularly children and soldiers — which continue.

Irish Baptists Work Amidst Civil Strife

By Bonita Sparrow

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — "We find the Gospel very relevant in Northern Ireland — still viable and valid in this time of need."

Joshua Thompson, pastor of Windsor Baptist Church of Belfast, reflected on the civil war between Protestants and Catholics in his country which has claimed some 1,700 lives during the last seven years in the small country.

Mrs. Thompson, an English literature lecturer at Belfast's College of Business Studies Academy, has students on both sides.

"I take a common sense approach to the question," she said in an interview during a recent visit here by the Thompsons. "I don't allow extreme views to be discussed in the classroom. They have nothing to do with English literature. If a moral question comes up, however, we do discuss that."

"Irish Baptists are deeply involved in seeking solutions to the problem," her husband added. "We are beginning to see the solution to the problem in spiritual terms, rather than in political terms," he said. "It's a question of people willing to be changed."

Thompson said the friction is most heated between members of the Irish working class and noted that "the problem reaches down to all age groups... One of our Baptist churches in one of the sensitive areas had a Sunday School class for 30 Roman Catholic children. When the Protestant children realized it, they refused to attend the Sunday School class," he said sadly.

He said the fact that there are two distinct educational systems in the country also contributes to the problem. "There are the public schools and the parochial schools, both receiving state support. A child enters one of those schools at a young age and has no opportunity to learn about people who think differently until the university level. It's much more difficult by then."

Irish Baptists, he said, are playing a helpful role in Ireland. "The governor of Maze Prison in Belfast, where most of the terrorists are held is a Baptist," he noted. "We have surgeons in our congregation involved in the treatment of bombing casualties. Many of

our paramedics are Baptist, and so are our nurses and students. There are Baptists on our police force."

His voice grew sad. "We've had members of our church murdered, and have participated in their funerals. A few months ago one of our fine men, the equivalent of your police lieutenant, was shot dead by terrorists. Just the night before he died he had been speaker at a meeting of the Christian Police Association."

"Another of our young policeman was with an older policeman on patrol one night when their car was ambushed and bombed, and they were both killed. When my wife and I went to visit his young widow, just 21-years-old, with a six-month old baby, she was in shock, of course. But she expressed no animosity toward the terrorists, no bitterness about what had happened."

"Many senseless things have happened," Mrs. Thompson added. "I was talking with a friend one evening, before my husband and I went to a meeting. After we had returned and retired for the night, we heard on the late news that her house had been destroyed by a bomb."

"After she and I had finished our telephone conversation she had answered a knock on the door and some men wanted to know where her husband was. He was at a meeting. So the terrorists made her and her five children lie on the floor while they planted a bomb in the house. They told

her she had 10 minutes to get her children out, and she did but they lost their home. There was no time to save anything."

Mrs. Thompson continued the sad litany. "Our daughter had a young friend who planned to attend the university with her. But one evening Rose was standing in the hall with her father when he answered a knock on the door and they both were shot dead. In one evening that girl's mother lost her only child and her husband."

In spite of the tragedies, the Thompsons say, the gospel is still viable in Northern Ireland.

"We are communicating the gospel in times of stress. Our Irish Baptist Union also has mission work in several countries. The work in Peru, for example, has grown larger now than our own Irish Union," he said.

"And this year the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland held a special prayer meeting for Irish Baptists. The auditorium that had been chosen was too small for the overflow crowd that prayed for two hours instead of the scheduled one hour."

"God is answering prayer in Northern Ireland. We are sticking to the Bible message and preaching the gospel there. We are seeing conversions. In spite of problems we are functioning as God wants his children to function — telling everyone that the gospel offers hope and love in our situation, and in all situations," Thompson said.

Baptist Hour Show

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Henry Holifield, Jackson businessman; and Mrs. Lynn Marshall, Pollard's secretary at the church.

Pollard, born and educated in Texas, came to Mississippi from Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church, Dallas, in 1974.

He and his wife, Jane, have two children, a son, Brent, and a daughter, Suzanne. Pollard is a member of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce and the United Fund Board.

Pollard's first sermon on "The Baptist Hour" began the first week of September. The program is heard in Mississippi on the following stations: Brookhaven, WCHJ, 1:30 p.m., Sun-

days; Clinton, WHJT, 6:30 p.m., Sundays; Columbia, WCJU, 9 a.m., Sundays; Ellisville, WBSS, 10:30 a.m., Sundays; Greenville, WJPR, 8 a.m., Sundays; Greenwood, WSWG, 8:30 a.m., Sundays; Grenada, WNAG, 6:15 p.m., Sundays; Hattiesburg, WFOR, 9:30 p.m., Sundays; Jackson, WJFR, 6 p.m., Tuesdays; Laurel, WNSL, 6:30 a.m., Sundays; McComb, WAPF, 12:30 p.m. Sundays and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; WCCA, 12:30 p.m., Sundays; Meridian, WDAL, 10 a.m., Sundays; New Albany, WNAU, 9:45 a.m., Sundays; Pascagoula, WCIS, 4 p.m., Tuesdays; Tylertown, WTYL, 8 a.m., Sundays; Vicksburg, WKYV, 8 p.m., Sundays; and Wiggins, WIGG, 10 a.m., Sundays.

Motivation, Stewardship Are Topics For Pastors

The fall pastors' retreat at Camp Garaywa offers a "file cabinet" full of ideas for motivation, preparation, time stewardship, and communication.

Set for Oct. 24-26, the retreat, which costs Mississippi Baptist pastors only a \$1 insurance fee, will feature John Harris, pastor of Pineville Park Baptist Church in Pineville, La., who will speak on "support for the pastor."

Penrose St. Amant, former president of the Ruschlikon Seminary in Switzerland, will lead in studies in the Book of Acts. Plus the retreat will feature Baptist Sunday School Board staff

fiers, Mississippi pastors and Mississippi laymen.

Session topics include: "the pastor as motivator," "art of effective communication," "resources for preaching," and "communicating the gospel through radio and TV."

Other program personalities include: Reginald McDonough, James Barry and John Ishee, all of the Sunday School Board. Mississippians include: Chester Vaughn and Leon Emery of the state convention board staff, James McLemore, John Lee Taylor, Macklyn Hubbell, Robert Na-

tions, and Gordon Sansing.

The retreat begins with registration at 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 24, and closes with lunch Wednesday. Send reservations, along with \$1 insurance fee, to: Leon Emery, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Emery is director of the Church Administration - Pastoral Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and coordinator of the retreat.

"American Way" or the "Christian Way"? The two are often erroneously entangled, according to James M. Dunn, secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, at the annual meeting of the Baptist World Alliance's Commission of Christian Ethics held in Miami Beach. Yet, he added, "the rhetoric of the American way has become so sacred in the minds of many Christians that it is dangerous to challenge it. The law of supply and demand is referred to as if it were holy writ and the radical nature of Christian stewardship is seldom seen." Christians, he said, should exemplify responsible stewardship of the world's resources by reducing the standard of living, approaching reproduction responsibly, reducing consumption of junk foods, dressing modestly, and taking proper care of their own bodies. (BP)

The Missions Task Lord Of All Nations

By John Alexander, director, Stewardship Department

Tracing the theme of "All Nations in the Purpose of God" through the Bible leads us to Jesus' designation of Himself as "Son of Man." While Jesus accepted the title "Son of David" when used by the blind men in Matthew 20, he criticized the term when used by the Pharisees in Matthew 22. Some 46 times in the Synoptic Gospels the term "Son of Man" is used as it was used in Daniel 7:13, where he "was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

In Matthew 4:8-10, Satan offered Jesus a shortcut to gaining the world kingdom. In Luke 4:16-30, Jesus pointed out in His sermon in the synagogue at Nazareth that the prophets were often rejected by their own people but received in faith by Gentile foreigners.

Violating all the man-made religious rules of His day, Jesus made contact with Gentiles throughout His ministry: Roman Centurion (Lk. 7:2), Samaritan leper (Lk. 17:12-19), Gadarene demoniac (Matt. 8:28-34), daughter of Canaanite woman (Matt. 15:22-28), Samaritan woman (John 4:5-42), and Greeks (John 12:20-33).

In His teaching Jesus indicated plans for a worldwide kingdom. In Matt. 13:38, the field is the world. In Luke 10:25, a Samaritan demonstrates the ideal neighbor. In Luke 13:18, Jesus discusses the growth of the kingdom. In Luke 14:15, Jesus urges His hearers to go out into the highways and hedges. Jesus in John 9:25 indicated that He was the Light of the world, and in John 10:10, He said He had other sheep that are not of this fold.

During that last climactic week, Jesus taught the "all nations" concept. His triumphal entry deliberately fulfilled Zachariah 9:9. In Mark 11:15-18, he quoted Isaiah 56:7 while cleansing the Court of the Gentiles.

In Matthew 21:33-43, He officially pronounced the end of Israel's stewardship of the kingdom. In Matt. 24:14, He said the gospel would be preached in the whole world.

The Son of Man is to judge all the nations as indicated in Matt. 25:31-46. In Matt. 26:13, Jesus indicated that this gospel is to be preached in the whole world.

In celebrating the last supper in Matt. 26:26-28, Jesus explained to his disciples that the new covenant was symbolically sealed in His blood with a new chosen people, the new Israel, all Jews, but soon to be joined by those of many nations.

As we plan, pray, work, go and give, we are in the mainstream of God's purpose for all nations. We are the first generation of Christians with the technical ability and potential financial resources to make the gospel known in all 202 nations of the world. Young people are now in our six seminaries preparing in record numbers, and we must gear up our churches to provide the resources to send them. In the next 24 years we must double and triple our present mission gifts. It is now time to get involved. It's up to us! To be obedient, we must take the initiative. If we avoid our mission responsibility at this point, how shall we avoid the fate of Israel? (To be continued)

Church Architecture

Building Costs Continue To Rise

A number of recent developments in building costs may force churches planning to build or add onto present structures to take additional looks at what the building dollar can do.

Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., church architecture consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, warned that "Churches today build cheaply will cost more to maintain than a well-built professionally designed building."

He said that cutting corners because of increased costs will be in the long run be more expensive either in terms of repairs or increased utility costs.

"Churches planning to build need to plan for their building," said Conniff, "get professional plans before they build, and build buildings that will provide for present and future needs."

Some current cost increase statistics for building materials are as follows: lumber and plywood have increased 12 percent in the past five weeks, sheetrock has increased 30

percent since late June, and concrete will likely increase 8-10 percent by the end of the year.

Other increases include: the insulation shortage is bringing about price increases in insulation materials, reinforcement steel is selling for about \$30 per ton more than in January of 1977; the drought and fires on the West Coast have created a shortage of lumber and plywood from that area, housing starts are moving at an annual rate of two million for the highest up surge since 1973.

Conniff reports that Michael Sumichrath, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders breaks down actual building costs for today's market: 30 percent of cash for building materials, 25 percent for land, 16.7 percent for labor, 10.8 percent for finance costs, 17.5 percent for overhead and profit items.

Conniff noted that this excludes any long or short term financing of the building or property.

Billy Graham Gathers Large Hungarian Crowds

BUDAPEST (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham preached in the open air to some 12,000 to 15,000 persons on his first visit to religious meetings in Hungary.

It was the largest crowd to gather for a Protestant service in the predominantly Roman Catholic country since before World War II, according to Sandor Palotay, president of the Council of Free Churches, an alliance of small denominations that sponsored Mr. Graham's week-long visit.

(Hungarian officials considered the evangelist's visit here his first official one to Eastern Europe. Mr. Graham preached at rallies on two days in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, ten years ago, but local officials say Yugoslavia is not considered part of Eastern Europe.)

The service at a youth camp was held on a bright Sunday morning on a hillside overlooking the Danube River about 30 miles west of Budapest. An estimated 1,000 other Eastern Europeans, half of them Czechs, were among those who travelled to the rural site at Tahai.

Mr. Graham was given a standing ovation as he and his wife, Ruth, were escorted down a long path under locust and poplar trees to the rustic split-log platform. A choir of 50 Baptist young people sang such songs as "Were You There?" "Lord, I Want to be a Christian in my Heart," "Just as I Am," and "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me."

Also singing was Archie Dennis, a member of the platform party at several of Mr. Graham's past crusades. Mr. Dennis, the only black person in the entire crowd, received sustained applause. He was accompanied by Ted Smith, Mr. Graham's pianist.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Graham said he had come to help "build bridges of understanding between the Hungarian and American people."

He noted the differences between the social systems in his country and Hungary, but said, "We are bound together as brothers and sisters in Christ."

He went on to preach a simple sermon based on John 3:16. His "down home" illustrations amused and warmed the crowd. At the close of his message, the evangelist asked for a show of hands by those wanting to make sure of their commitment to Christ. Thousands of hands shot up.

Mr. Graham told reporter he was "overwhelmed" by the response. "I'll never forget Hungary," he said. The evangelist also told journalists, "I do not believe there is a Christian country anywhere in the world. They are all secular."

Mr. Graham and his team arrived in Budapest on Sept. 3 from Vienna, where they had spent several days preparing for the meetings. The evangelist was greeted at the airport

by a government protocol officer, by U. S. Ambassador Philip Kaiser, and by officials of the Council of Free Churches. There was no advance coverage of his visit in the secular press, and the churches had only a few weeks to prepare. (The invitation to preach in Hungary was extended to Mr. Graham in July, but the final dates were not firmed up until mid-August.) Mr. Graham said he brought "warm greetings to all the people of Hungary" from President Carter. He indicated that his fellow Southern Baptist had called him just before he left the United States and said "he would be praying for us."

Pastor-Missionary Retreats

All pastors and missionaries are invited to attend the camp most convenient. The program includes Bible study, Bible centered messages and relaxed fellowship.

Bible study leaders are: Dr. James L. Travis, Wall Doxey State Park; Dr. William W. Stevens, Roosevelt State Park, and Dr. Don H. Stewart, Paul Johnson Park.

Dr. Foy Rogers, Dept. Director, Cooperative Missions, will be leading the conferences. Reservations may be made through his office at the address listed below.

Each program begins at 9:30. Be sure to bring a pillow and linens if you plan to spend the night.

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High Attendance Sunday Expects 225,000 People

October 30 will be recognized as HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY throughout Mississippi and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sunday Schools over the state will be establishing high attendance goals in an effort to reach a Mississippi goal of 225,000. Last year, 210,994 people were reported on HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY.

Mississippi Sunday Schools have over 336,313 people enrolled. HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY promotion materials are listed on the undated materials order form of the Materials Services Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37234.

Baptist Music Ministers Offered Special Study

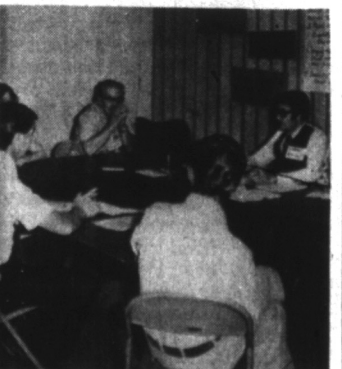
NASHVILLE — Concentrated study for ministers of music interested in using band and orchestra instrumentalists in the church music ministry will highlight the Instrumental Leaders Seminar at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., Oct. 10-13.

The seminar, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department, will be directed by Gerald Armstrong, instrumental music consultant in the church music department.

Featured as the special guest clinician will be Robert Nagel, internationally acclaimed trumpet soloist and composer. Nagel also is a conductor,

recording artist, teacher, founder and director of the New York Brass Quintet, a member of the Contemporary Chamber Ensemble and the Aspen Music Festival and music director, deacon and music committee chairman at Candlewood Baptist Church, Danbury, Conn.

The seminar will give special attention to helping ministers of music make use of instrumentalists in the church music ministry. Participants will learn how to conduct music groups, as well as to enlist, audition and assign instrumentalists. Music will be suggested for use by soloists, ensembles, bands and orchestras.



Church Program Meeting

At First Baptist Church, Houston, Convention Board staffer, Billy Hudgens, (photo at left) introduces teachers for the session of Church Program Organization Planning Meeting. Similar sessions were held in 15 other spots around the state. In photo at right, Gary Garner, minister of education at Fairview Baptist Church in Columbus, leads a session for church directors of Church Training.

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Cooperative Program Receipts — 8 Mos. 1976 - 1977

	No. Churches	Gifts 1976	Gifts 1977	Over (Under Last Yr.)	%
No Gifts Either Year	194	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Giving 1976—None in 1977	56	50,482.85	-0-	(50,482.85)	(100.0)
Giving Less in '77 than '76	450	1,094,809.93	892,355.20	(202,454.73)	(18.5)
Giving more in '77 than '76	1161	3,506,632.19	4,263,210.30	756,578.11	21.6
Giving same '76 and '77	64	48,933.97	48,933.97		
Total	1925	4,700,858.94	5,204,499.47	503,640.53	10.7

The Baptist Record

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Editorials

After One Year . . .

Appreciation Due Baptists

The editor of this publication would be a terrible ingrate if he did not pause and express his heartfelt appreciation to the Baptists of Mississippi for the opportunity of serving as editor.

Three years ago today, Sept. 15, I moved to Mississippi in order to understand the position of Joe Abrams for 3½ months before becoming the associate editor on Jan. 1, 1975, on Joe's retirement. There followed then a very happy relationship with Joe Odle, the editor, and Earl Kelly, the executive secretary-treasurer, as well as the remainder of the staff in the Baptist Building as I began to get acquainted all across the state.

On Sept. 1 of last year Dr. Odle retired as editor, and I was given the opportunity of succeeding him. How thankful I am to Dr. Kelly, the personnel committee, the Executive Committee, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for the privilege.

The year has passed so quickly it hardly seems to have been a year. It has been a happy year, and it has been an eventful one. Shortly after the changing of the editorship the remains of the gymnasium, which withstood the onslaught of Hurricane Camille as it destroyed the other buildings at Gulfshore, burned beyond further use. The intention of rebuilding the gymnasium was gone in the flames. Surely the changing of editors had nothing to do with the fire; but the fire, nevertheless, has been an interesting condition with which to deal since that occasion.

Tim Nicholas came from the Home Mission Board almost a year ago to assume the associate editorship, a position which also carries with it the responsibility of disseminating news to the public media as well as being responsible for the physical production of the Baptist Record. He arrived on the go, managed to keep things well under way while he wrote a book on evangelism which had already been planned by the Home Mission Board, and has picked up steam since the book was finished early in August.

The Baptist Record became 100 years old during this past 12 months, and a great deal of planning and work went into the production of a 40-page anniversary series during the an-

niversary month of February. Retired Editor Joe Odle contributed immeasurably to this effort.

Thank goodness, the editorial associate on the staff, Anne McWilliams, a veteran of 24 years of Baptist Record duty, is still with us and continuing to make her steady and dependable contribution. When a study leave was instigated for Baptist Building employees for seven years of service, Anne was qualified three times over and was gone during the summer to Baylor and to London. She's back now with new knowledge and new skills and will be putting them to use.

Bill Sellers continues to wear two hats as he is called data processing supervisor and also looks after the circulation and the advertising for the Baptist Record. When time is available he stays busy checking with churches which do not have the Baptist Record in the Every Family Plan, and the Baptist Record enjoys what may be the finest circulation experience according to the Baptist population of the state of any of the 33 Southern Baptist state papers.

Gratitude must be expressed for the others in the office, for Ina McFall, who is so knowledgeable in the computer operation; for Beverly Bass, a secretary who doubles in key punching; and for Nell Vaughn, who handles Baptist Record circulation records. Florence Larrimore continues to be a vital part of the secular media information operation. Evelyn Keyes seems to have been called of the Lord to keep the editor on an even keel and look out after the myriad things that he can't seem to stretch his mind around.

We surely must express appreciation for the support of the Baptist Record Advisory Committee, of which J. B. Fowler, pastor of First Church, McComb, is chairman, and James Carr, a Jackson layman, is vice chairman.

The Lord surely has been good; but then, He always is.

It has been a real delight to be in Mississippi these three years and to serve as editor during the past year. New friendships have been formed that will continue into eternity, and relationships of former years have been

renewed as I've found a number of acquaintances here that I had known in Texas.

I must say this, having worked for three state conventions: there is not a more dedicated or more capable staff of denominational workmen than can be found serving from the Baptist Building in Mississippi.

The constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention says, "The official organ of the Convention and the Convention Board for the publication of Baptist and world religious news, and dissemination of Baptist doctrines, the creation of goodwill toward the denomination, and the promotion of the work of the Convention and the Convention Board, shall be the Baptist Record." It calls for the Baptist Record to be in harmony with the convention and the churches and goes on to declare that, "limitations of its space considered," the columns of the Baptist Record shall be open to churches, institutions, agencies, and associations.

These are our directives. We try mightily to live up to them. On this first anniversary of the present editorship, we renew our pledge to follow these directives as closely as we are able to do so.

Personally. . .

It was a rare privilege a few days ago to attend a luncheon at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson that was hosted by Pastor Joe Tuten in honor of Grady Wilson. The Billy Graham Evangelism Association executive was in Jackson for a revival meeting at Calvary.

The Billy Graham evangelism team began its efforts almost 30 years ago, and Wilson has been a part of it from the outset. There were eight of us at the luncheon, including Wilson and the pastor, and it proved to be a highly interesting occasion. Wilson has watched the ministry grow from that first revival in Los Angeles until it has reached the world-wide impact that it has today. We spent a delightful hour listening as he recounted many of the

Letters To The Editor

Returning As A Baptist

Dear Sir:

Will you please answer these questions in the Baptist Record as they have come up in some of the churches around us.

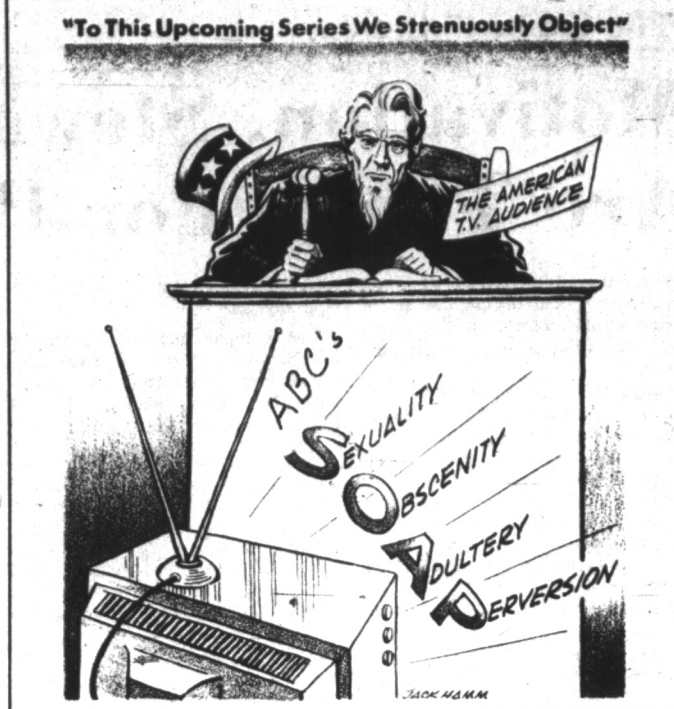
1. If you are a member of a Baptist church and join another church (denomination) but do not ask for your name to be taken off the record, are you still a member of the Baptist church?

2. If you want to come back to the Baptist church, do you come on statement or just come back and you are a member?

What are the rules on a case like this?

Mrs. Earl Luster
Yazoo City, MS

There are no "rules." Each Baptist church does what it feels is best, which it determines by majority vote of the members present at the time of the vote. Most, if not all, churches follow a general practice in such cases as you mention, however. If a member of a Baptist church joins a church of another denomination, usually the Baptist church will find out about it. Many times the other church, not knowing general Baptist practice, will call for a letter. When the Baptist church is convinced that one of its members has joined a church of another denomination, however the word comes to the Baptist church, then most likely the Baptist church will simply remove the member from its roll by a majority vote. When the former member comes back to that Baptist church or another Baptist



church, then normally he would present himself for membership based upon his statement of having been a Baptist previously. I would suppose that every Baptist Church would insist that no one could be a member of two churches at the same time, and so even if the Baptist church had not gotten around to removing a person's name from the roll and he returned as a member, he would need to make a statement relative to the fact that he was relinquishing his membership in the other church and ask the Baptist church to accept him back into its membership on that condition.—Editor

Exciting 30 Months

Dear Sir:

Dr. and Mrs. John McNair, Mississippi missionaries to India and Spain, have just completed 30 exciting months. August 26, 1977, John, Kathy and their two children, Mark and Heather, left Madrid, Spain with New York and Jackson, Miss., as their destination. They will live in a house furnished by First Baptist Church, Brandon, Miss., where they formerly served as music directors. Their furlough time will be four months. Dr. McNair is from Magee and Kathy Lee McNair from Picayune.

For a year and a half the McNairs served in India in medical and student work. There arose a problem about the renewal of their visas, and in Sept. 1976

they transferred to Spain. At present they are living in Granada, Spain, and have already built up an encouraging nucleus of interested university students. They are pioneers in the field of Baptist student work and recently held a three-day retreat for students on the beach in tents. Also Dr. McNair has contacts in the medical field which he hopes will lead to teaching.

John and Kathy McNair are gifted musicians, and their concerts are an important part of their ministry. In less than three months after their arrival in Spain, they sang several numbers in Spanish at the dedication of the Baptist Center.

Recently the McNairs were talking to a talented young university woman and she said, "There is a great difference in your faith and mine. Yours is very personal and you can pray to God at any time."

The McNairs made the first part of their journey to the USA bytrain from Granada to Madrid. They got on the train and settled down after telling friends goodbye. Suddenly little five year-old Heather burst into sobs. Finally they understood her to be saying, "I'm leaving my home. I don't know a soul in the United States!"

Indy Whitten
Press Representative
of the Baptist Mission
to Spain

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn-McWilliams

Give Your Old Books!

What if the Phoenicians—or anyone else—had never invented the alphabet? How poor the world would be without those 26 little letters, their arrangements and rearrangements.

I don't even like to imagine a world without books, for in them "I've been a lot of places and seen a lot of faces."

To escape, at least temporarily, from ugliness and sorrow, I have opened a book and found myself walking in joy and beauty. To escape from the noise, I have turned off the energy-eating TV and opened a book to find silence and a place to think in privacy. In books I have found entertainment, adventure, enlightenment, and inspiration.

Because I know the value of a book, I applaud the Brotherhood project, "Books for Christian Service" (see article in Sept. 1 issue of the Baptist Record). For this project Mississippi Baptists are asked to give away all the old books they can spare—Bible concordances, Bible study books—(especially old January Bible study books), Bible history, biographies, old Sunday School commentaries, wholesome fiction.

Take the books to your church to be delivered to Jackson in early November. They are to be given to pastors and churches and others in the United States and abroad. For instance:

Ken Lyle, Baptist worker in New York, has said that he can easily distribute 40 to 50 sets of 25 to 30 books to pastors and new churches.

O. K. Bozeman, Jr., missionary in Korea, has written: "We have around 600 Baptist pastors in Korea, 200 of them able to read English. In addition, we have over 300 seminary students. . . . We have at least 15 large strategically located churches that could use probably 500 English Christian books to good advantage in their libraries. There are at least 1,000 laymen who could profit from such books. . . . All together we could use to good advantage 30,000 books."

I unlocked the mysteries of the alphabet when I was five, and my cousin Nell Garrett let me borrow her primer. I sat under the pear tree and admired the red rose on the first page. Then I followed Mama or Daddy, nagging them with my questions: "What is this word?" "What is this word?" "What is this word?" until I knew how to read. When I started to school that fall I finished Dick and Jane the first week and was ready for second grade within three weeks. My love affair with books since then has never waned.

I tremble when I think: What if the

Chinese had never learned to make paper from tree bark, rags, hemp, and old fish nets? What if Johann Gutenberg had stuck to being a goldsmith and never tried to experiment with casting the letters of the alphabet in reusable metal type?

There are many books I would be sad to have missed. Do you remember the children's book, *Duckville on the Ditch*? Then Daddy read to me from one of his favorites, *The Lady of the Lake*. In Grandma's trunk I found *A Tale of Two Cities*. When I was ten a neighbor loaned me *David Copperfield*. One Christmas Betty and I received *Little Women*. I don't know how many times I read it. My aunt sent me a boxful of Big Little Books.

In high school I found a challenge in *I Dare You*. My friend, Margaret Fry, introduced me to the Scotch writer, Jane Duncan, and her series of books that begins with *My Friends the Miss Boyds*. In these I met a wide variety of delightful characters and listened to the sage, though sometimes peppery, advice of an old Scotch grandmother.

I suffered with Jane Eyre, and with the slaves in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. I have unraveled mysteries with Agatha Christie and Daphne DuMaurier and A. Conan Doyle. I have looked at English history through the novels of Norah Lofts and at nature through the eyes of Thoreau.

At a writer's conference in Nashville, Annie Ward Byrd recommended *The Dean's Watch* by Elizabeth Goudge. I was glad she did.

I have found inspiration in the writings of Catherine Marshall, Edith Schaeffer, Eugenia Price, T. B. Maston, and R. G. Lee.

I discovered the Greatest Book when I was in the fourth grade. My Sunday School teacher gave me a new Bible. We had Bibles at home, of course, but this one was all mine, and I began reading. The stories in Genesis were so exciting that nothing could slow me down but the "begats." Without the New Testament, I could never have read the Greatest Story Ever Written.

In the British Museum I could be happy for a long time, for the Reading Room is 106 feet high and 138 feet in diameter and had 30,000 books on the main floor. Beyond that, the Department of Printed Books of the British Library has 7,000,000 books, and every year adds two miles of shelves.

I treasure my own books, but I would like to share them with others. I'm going to give some away through the "Books for Christian Service" project.

Tableau of Wretchedness

Calcutta—"World's Largest Slum"

By Earl Kelly

Dusk was falling in India; and the Howrah Bridge across the Hooghly River, a bridge crossed by more people each day than any bridge in the world, took the appearance of an Arabesque in steel against Calcutta's saffron sky.

What a contrast to the city it served—the world's largest slum! I had attempted a lonely stroll down the street in front of my hotel, but what I saw made me ill and the walk turned into circling the block.

Many of the 160,000 who sleep on Calcutta's streets each night were already staking their claim on a portion of a filthy sidewalk. A homeless family which included a man, his wife, and three children were already huddled in the entrance of a store that had closed for the night. A woman was squatting on one corner using the gutter as a bathroom, while on the other side two men could be seen grilling goat meat over a small clay grill in which dried cow manure was slowly burning. Twenty feet away one man was bathing at a running water spigot while a woman patiently waited her turn to get water

from the same tap in order to cook a handful of dirty rice. Each tableau of human wretchedness was indicative of a philosophy which says, "The less room one has at home, the more he feels at home in the street."

I had seen too much already, so I hastened my steps to the entrance of the Oberl Grand Hotel to be met by the sight of a small boy who apparently had been deliberately and intentionally maimed by some heartless person whose only goal in life was an insane pursuit of subsistence by any possible means. He was stretched out in a grotesque position holding an empty tin cup in my face. Though I had been told by responsible Indians, "Never give to the professional beggars when you are alone on the street," I wondered if the boy really mattered to anybody but God. I was told he probably received enough to barely sustain life. At that moment I did not share the enthusiasm of the Bengali poet who wrote, "If you banish me, Calcutta, wound my lips before I go."

Later Mrs. Kelly, the Sigmans, and I had one of life's most memorable meals by candlelight in our hotel rooms. From our caches of hoarded food we managed to find some broken crackers and two kinds of peanut butter—crunchy and smooth. Cokes could still be bought then, so we washed the peanut butter down with warm cokes.

When we arrived at the airport the next morning the place was covered with Indian hippies. I quickly asked the agent of the air line to assign our party four seats side by side. Now hippies have come in all styles since the sixties, but this was my first exposure to dirty, smelly, unshaven Indian hippies. The surprise of my life came when I boarded the plane and found three seats on each side of the aisle. We were a family group and someone had to be left out, so I found myself sitting by an unshaven man who obviously had washed his clothing at one of the filthy taps in the slums of Calcutta or in the Hooghly River.

I closed my eyes and said, "Lord, you shouldn't have done this to me. I've been out preaching and working with missionaries—remember!" Since I am monolingual I closed my

eyes and leaned back on my seat while I did an instant mental replay of the past few days.

India—that strange, beautiful, colorful, heartbreaking country. That big country with its fabulous temples, magnificent mosques, bazaars, shops, the glorious Taj Mahal . . . and its filth, poverty, and ignorance. India, with its snake charmers, sacred Zebu cows, monkeys, and peacocks, and its cheap human life. India, where it is almost impossible to find the middle road between great wealth and degrading poverty.

Dreadful, gruesome, frightening Calcutta, the world's largest slum, the cesspool of the world, a dying city, a vision of the end of man kept floating across my mental screen.

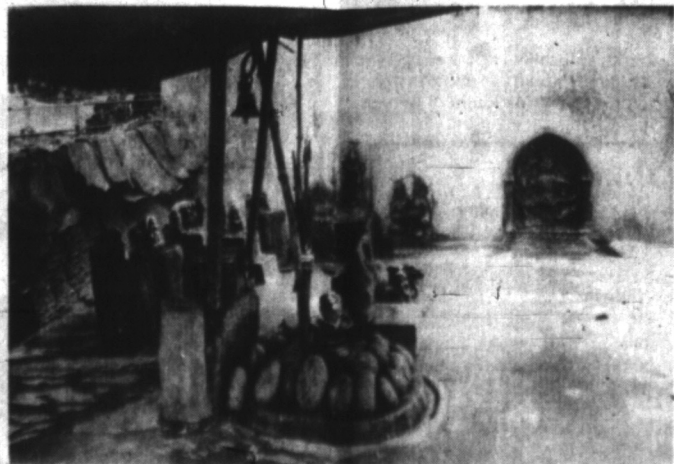
The stewardess brought me back to reality with a tray of Indian Biryani. If there was anything I didn't want at the moment it was food. Not knowing whether the hippie seated on my right could understand English, I asked, "Would you like to have my tray?" "Indeed I would," he replied with a crisp Australian accent. "Fellow, where is home?" I asked. "Perth, Australia," he replied. I looked him square in the eyes and asked, "What in the world are you doing in India?"

The young man told me how he had entered India nine months prior to that

time in search of truth and the meaning of life. He rehearsed his travels that had taken him from the State of Tamil Nadu in the South to the State of Jammu and Kashmir in the North. He had explored all the major National faiths of India, washed in the Ganges, and lived with so called holy men. All of this had been accomplished on a budget of \$1.50 a day. "Did you find truth and the meaning of life in your search?" I asked. "I don't know what to believe," he replied, "but it will take someone other than human to help me see the way."

"Perth, Australia! Why it was your town that turned all its lights on for John Glenn when our first astronaut circled the earth," I replied. His face lit up. "Oh yes," said he. "That was an important day for our town. We were like the only candle in a dark world."

"Isn't it interesting," said I, "that after a nine-month fruitless search God sat me beside you to repay a debt to one of Perth's citizens by helping you to see that one who was human and yet other than human became a candle in a darkened world; and if you will accept Jesus Christ, the light of the world, you will find that truth and the way are one. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me.'"



Hindu Temple in Calcutta

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Colson Agency Matches Volunteers, Prisoners

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — The expanding Prison Fellowship ministry founded by former Nixon aide Charles Colson has added a computerized matching of community volunteers and prison inmates.

Colson, who was convicted in the Watergate scandal and became a "born again" Christian, began the ministry after his release from prison in 1975.

"We receive several hundred letters a week from inmates needing help and from people wanting to be of service," he said. "In the past we have been matching these up by hand, but now we are working on a computer program design to help us."

He said the computer will match up all the persons who want to assist the ministry with inmates who request help while they are in prison or after they are released.

The computer program is a third facet of the Colson prison ministry, which has headquarters here.

Prison Fellowship sponsors two-week training programs at Fellowship House in which inmates from federal prisons are brought here to prepare to become Christian leaders when they return to their institutions.

In Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, the fellowship has started a series of week-long seminars on Bible study and personal growth.

Participants in the Atlanta program meet with the Prison Fellowship staff and local and community religious leaders to find ways to discover their own self-worth through Christianity.

Both Colson and inmates who have been involved in his ministry stressed the importance of community involvement in helping prisoners begin a new life.

Colson said Prison Fellowship is currently trying to find jobs for as many of the released prisoners as possible, and has placed "dozens" of inmates in the past two years.

He said the computer will provide a "nationwide network" for referrals. "We're also working to make a training program available for ex-inmates to help them adjust after they get out," he said.

Colson, who reported a conversion experience during the Watergate hearings, said he got the idea for the prison ministry while serving his sentence in a Montgomery, Ala., prison. He later wrote the book, *Born Again*,

about his conversion experience. He said he lives off a portion of the royalties from the book and contributes the rest of it and all his speaking fees to the prison ministry.

Prison Fellowship now has programs in some 30 of the nation's 600 state and federal prisons, and has more than 1,000 volunteers.

Colson said his goal is to have trained Christian leaders in every prison in the U.S. and to establish a system to help inmates while they are inside and give them support when they are released.

"We, the body of believers, can do with the power of the risen Christ that which billions in federal spending and hundreds of new prisons could never accomplish," according to a booklet issued by Prison Fellowship.

The booklet cited statistics showing that 80 percent of crimes in the U.S. are committed by ex-convicts. "The place to attack the problem of crime—to stop future crime—is in the prison," it said.

Colson recently talked about his religious belief and his concept of Christ to some 500 inmates at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

"The inmates, and about two-thirds of the world, have an impression that Christianity is the religion of white, upper middle class people who live in the suburbs and go to church on Sunday," he said.

"But Jesus said he came to free the imprisoned. The Jesus Christ I know is an anti-establishment, social racial. This is the Christ I follow. He doesn't live in the suburbs and he didn't come just for nice people."



Carter was still in the classroom during the 1976-77 session at Clarke.

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At 89

Carter Ends Clarke Classroom Years

John F. Carter, as he reaches his 89th year, will not be in the classroom at Clarke College this fall, for the first time in many years. He taught full-time at the college until his 75th birthday and has taught part-time since that year.

He and Mrs. Carter will continue to live in Newton.

John F. Carter has been associated with Clarke College for so many years that his presence and influence have been felt in every area of life at the college.

He came to Clarke first in 1920 to serve as professor of Bible. In his 40 years of service with the college, Carter has filled other positions in addition to his primary task as teacher of Bible. He served as president for two different periods and was dean for a time.

His influence has been felt in the area surrounding Clarke as he has served a number of churches as pastor, interim pastor, and pulpit supply.

For one four-year period Carter was away from Clarke, serving as dean and professor of New Testament and Christian doctrines at Clear Creek

Bible School in Pineville, Kentucky.

Carter is the author of two books, *A Layman's Harmony of the Gospels* and *A Layman's Manual of Christian Doctrines*. He has done other writing as well and one booklet, *A Letter from Your Pastor* has been widely used with new converts.

He received the A.B. degree from Mississippi College and his A.M. degree from Mercer University. He holds both the Th.M. and the Th.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has a Ph.D. from the University of Dubuque in Iowa.

Mrs. Carter, the former Mattie Mae George, has been his companion in Christian service through the years. In 1975 the Carters were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of two sons, John T. Carter of Birmingham and Henry S. Carter of DeRidder, Louisiana.

The Carters are active members of Calvary Church, Newton.

"Yes, Dr. Carter is 'still there' and his influence and testimony will continue in the days ahead as those he taught and influenced teach and serve.

Sizemore Moves To New York

Elmer Sizemore, a veteran of nearly 20 years in Southern Baptist mission work in the northeastern United States, will move to New York City, Oct. 1, to begin a new English-speaking Southern Baptist church on Manhattan Island.

The Kentucky native has served in the Northeast since 1959 when he was appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve in the entire area north of Maryland.

Sizemore has served as executive director for Southern Baptist work in the six states of New England since 1962.

Southern Baptists Want Unchurched Visited

By Nancy McGough

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — What do Southern Baptist churches expect of young persons entering fulltime ministry?

"Readiness for Ministry," a project sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada with a grant of over \$1 million, has found not one, but many answers.

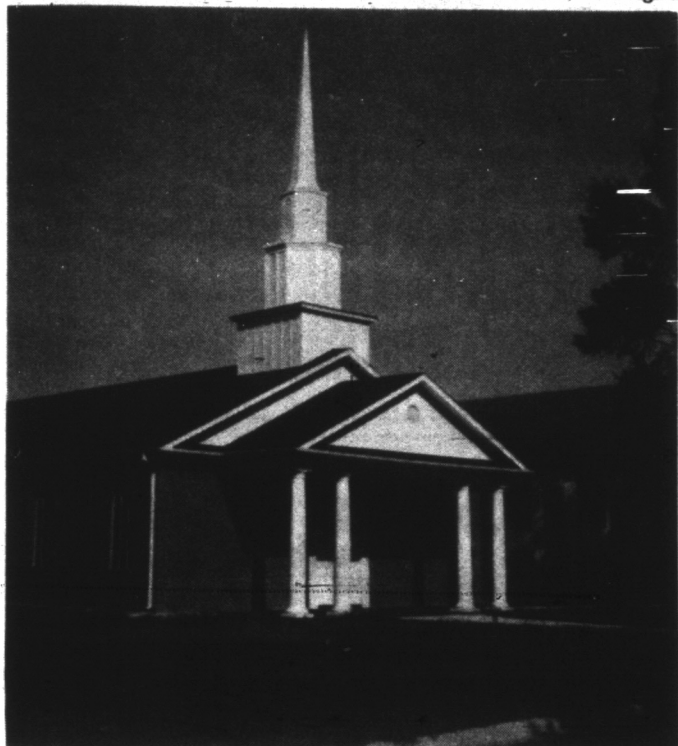
Last year The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here was the only Southern Baptist seminary to participate with 40 other seminaries across 47 denominations in this project. Other Southern Baptist seminaries are planning to participate, and Southern Seminary has expanded its own participation to include more students.

The project found that the most important expectations Southern Baptists have for young ministers are service without regard for acclaim, commitment to Christ, Christian example, a healthy spirituality, acknowledgement of one's own humanity, and openness to advice.

Last year, the project evaluated 87 students at Southern Seminary on these and other characteristics (64 in all) through observations of church members, a personal interview and written responses to posed situations.

The project discloses that not all characteristics important to Southern Baptists are important to other denominations. For example, 67.3 percent of Southern Baptists said it was highly important for their minister to visit the unchurched. However, only 31 percent of all the other denominations said this was highly important.

Everybody wants to talk, few want to think, and nobody wants to listen. Few people ever get dizzy from doing too many good turns.



Hickory To Dedicate Sanctuary

Hickory Church, Newton County, will dedicate a new sanctuary on Sept. 18. David Sellers, pastor, will bring the sermon for the dedication service that begins at 2 p.m. This service will follow the dinner to be served in Fellowship Hall. Sunday School at 9:45 will precede the regular 11 o'clock worship service.



Bob Burroughs

Choral Reading Session Set For Sept. 27*

A choral reading session for ministers of music will be held Tuesday, Sept. 27, at First Church, Hattiesburg, during the time that Simultaneous Schools of Music are being held in South Mississippi. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

Bob Burroughs, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and Leroy Yarbrough, New Orleans Seminary, will lead the reading sessions, each leading an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon.

A variety of music packets, including Christmas selections, will be available at this session.

Off The Record

We recently heard of a newly invented offering plate for churches. This ingenious invention receives gifts of a dollar or more on a plush cushion with silent graciousness. But when half dollars are dropped in, it rings a bell; when quarters are given it blows a whistle; when dimes are slipped in it fires a shot. But when someone gives nothing at all, it takes his picture!

Allen Supports 'Bold Day Of Commitment'

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) President Jimmy R. Allen has issued a proclamation here in support of the SBC's Bold Day of Commitment, Sunday Oct. 2.

The day is the first Sunday of the two-year denominational emphasis — "Let the Church Reach Out." Southern Baptist churches throughout the United States have received information on how to observe the day through their Sunday Schools, Church Training programs, morning worship services and evening worship services.

The special day will confront Southern Baptist church members with world needs, the resources the church has to meet the needs, and the necessity for commitment to the SBC's Bold Mission effort to reach America and the rest of the world for Christ.

Noting action of the SBC annual meeting in Kansas City to establish the special day, Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., said, "A rising tide of mission conscious-

ness is sweeping Southern Baptist life. The commitment to double our mission forces through the concept of Mission Service Corps (now in process of organization) has caused a renewed interest in the totality of mission opportunities."

Allen expressed hope that "every pastor in every Southern Baptist church across our nation will call his congregation to prayer for spiritual awakening and for the Bold Mission Thrust of the SBC to be one of God's channels for bringing it about.

"Our people are ready to give their energies in prayer intercession, their money in mission support and their talents in mission service," Allen said. "October 2 is a day for this call to be sounded from every Baptist pulpit and every Sunday School teacher's lesson.

"God's spirit in moving throughout America," Allen continued "I am glad that Southern Baptists are seizing their day of opportunity for mission expansion."



Cherry Creek Begins New Building

Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc Association, broke ground August 28 for a new church building. First spadeful of dirt were turned by Leighton Harkness, Building Committee chairman, shovel on left; Kevin Weatherly, youngest member, center; and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gray, oldest members present, right. Wade Allen director of missions, Pontotoc Association, delivered the morning message. Mark Pettaway read the 24th Psalm. Clinton Bolen, senior deacon, led the closing prayer. Other members of the Building Committee are Howard Nixon, Harold Reeder, Mrs. Hilda Tedford, Leland Hufstatter, and Joe Herndon, pastor. Construction is to begin soon, with completion date set for next spring.

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As we Christians see the non-Christian religions, we think that they all are of worth. We do not despise them. The desire to know and be accepted by God is common to all nationalities and to all individuals to some extent. The Bible indicates that God reveals himself to humanity progressively, moving from lesser to greater. This was the experience of the Israelites as well as the New Testament converts. So it would not be unreasonable to assume that God would give glimpses of himself in primitive religions.

There is an incompleteness about truth, however, when the climactic revelation of God in Christ is omitted. The relationship between loving father and returning child is absent. That's why Christians are so anxious to share their faith. It's like opening your circle of friendship to include another and then another. The joy is multiplied many times. Why not look for opportunities to share Jesus with your other friends?

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Today's Youth

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Coke-Bottle Organ Featured At Church

Sunday churchgoers at churches in North Carolina have been treated to some special music during afternoon and evening services in recent months.

Music is produced from a calliope built from 33 empty Coke bottles of various sizes, several two by fours to serve as the frame, fishing line, copper tubing, and a vacuum cleaner as the primary source of air.

Steve Bowman, a native of Clarksville, Va., built the unique organ last year. He is now a student at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

The Campbell College graduate named his organ after steam organs used in circus parades years ago.

"I've always been interested in music and mechanical things," said the 21-year-old Bowman.

Four unsuccessful attempts were made before the calliope was constructed. "I didn't know whether it would work or not," said Bowman.

"I like to play hymns," he said of his church appearances.

Total cost of the 33-note calliope was \$35.

(NOTE: Bowman was featured in a Baptist Record article early this year. He took apart, moved, and reassembled a giant press and published a newspaper while he was still in high school. The organ has given him many chances to share his Christian testimony in churches, Bowman says.)

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Young Columbians Lead Backyard VBS In N. Y.

By Mrs. A. B. McCraw, Sr.

The youth choir of Calvary Church, Columbia, under the direction of Ronald Ross, minister of music and youth, recently returned from a 13-day tour that carried them as far north as Niagara Falls, Canada.

Thirty-six young people traveled by church bus to Baptist churches in Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Canada, Ohio and Kentucky and First Church, Baldwin, Miss.

In connection with their musicals, the young people led in a three-day program of Backyard Vacation Bible School.

Classes held in Buffalo and North Tonawanda, New York, had an average of 177 children in attendance, both white and black. Many of the children who had no knowledge of the Bible. One child asked, "Where is Jesus?" Another wanted to know "if Jesus was in Mississippi." They were aware of the fact that the visitors were from

Mississippi, wherever that happened to be.

The Youth Choir had carried a large number of pocket-size New Testaments for the youngsters.

Plans had been outlined prior to the trip, through a retreat.

Friendship Church in Buffalo was headquarters for the Bible school, with Calvary Baptist Church in North Tonawanda assisting. An area of eight and nine blocks were used, with the children divided into five groups. These were held in the morning in Buffalo and in North Tonawanda in the afternoon. The classes were held in backyards of some church members and also in nearby parks.

On Friday night the youth choir gave a concert. On Sunday they were in Grace Calvary Baptist Church, Niagara Falls.

Patsy Myers of Calvary Church, Columbia was director of the Vacation Bible Schools, with Robin Walker, Donna Wiggins, Casey Barnhart, Pam Wilson, John Wayne Tolar, and Steve

Pittman, group leaders.

Donald Campbell drove the bus for the entire 3,031-mile trip. He and Mrs. Campbell were sponsors for the choir.

Musical programs were given in churches, in one auditorium, and at one mall.

An exciting feature of the trip was a 40-minute traffic jam in Cincinnati, with the temperature registering 100 degrees.

Easter Retreats Are Planned For Students

NASHVILLE — Easter holiday retreats for high school and college students have been planned March 23-26, 1978, at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers.

Frank Hart Smith and Don Mattingly, consultants in the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead the retreats at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., respectively.

High school students in the ninth grade or higher plus all college students are invited to attend the retreats, which will begin with the evening meal on Thursday and end with a sunrise service and breakfast on Easter Sunday. The retreats are sponsored by the board's church recreation department.

Total cost for the retreat is \$52.50 for each person, including meals, room, program fee and insurance. This cost is figured for four persons to a room, with private bath. Linens are provided.

To register, send \$10 for each person to Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535, or Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

There is no greater pride than in seeking to humiliate ourselves beyond measure! and sometimes there is no truer humility than to attempt great works for God. — Abbe de Saint-Cyr

250 Students Will Be Missionaries

RIDGECREST, N. C. — More than 250 college students volunteered to give two years of their lives to volunteer mission service during the final evening session of the largest Student Conference held at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in 13 years.

The students responded to a call by Dan Yeary, pastor of University Baptist Church, Coral Gables, Fla., for the young people to become involved in the Mission Service Corps. The new program, being developed by the Southern Baptist Convention will allow lay people to spend up to two years of their lives in a volunteer mission corp either overseas or in the United States. The corp will be designed to beef-up already existing SBC short-term missionary efforts.

Final registration figures for Student Week, Aug. 20-26, showed that 1422 students and student workers attended the week-long conference, which was sponsored by the National Student Ministries (NSM) of the SBC Sunday School Board.

Combined with the more than 3000 students who registered the previous week at the Student Conference at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center, the total number of students represents the largest group to attend Student Weeks since the conferences were begun at Ridgecrest in 1926.

The students and their leaders spent 16 hours in equipping and discipleship conferences and six hours during the week in group Bible study.

Topics for the conferences and seminars include "Death with Dignity," "Sharing Your Faith with Internationals," "Abortion: The Pros and Cons," "Understanding the Unification Church," "Christian Dating," "A Plan for Scripture Memory," "How to Lead Bible Study Groups," "Using Film in Ministry," "Sex and the Single Student," "The Black Religious Experience" and "Missions Opportunities for Students — Bold Mission."

Two special conferences were held during the week for church workers with college students and workers with international students. International student ministries is one of three NSM emphases for 1977-78. Other emphases include Bible study and social action.

As part of the international students emphasis, Jack Burke, director of International Student Services, University of Houston, challenged the students Wednesday night to meet and befriend an international student on their college campus this fall.

An "On-to-College" conference for high school seniors and recent high school graduates was offered during Student Week for the first time. "The purpose of the conference was to help prepare the students for college and the new experiences they will face there," Hazelwood said.

Three students and the Baptist campus minister from the University of Alaska, Anchorage, were recognized during the services Sunday night. The students were members of the year-old University of Alaska Baptist Student Union, the only BSU in the state. Student groups from across the nation made donations last winter to help the three Alaskans attend Student Week at Ridgecrest, making them the first students from an Alaska college to attend a Student Conference.

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Scholarship Requires High Grades

KEITH BOUNDS, a sophomore at William Carey College, exhibits the certificate which designates him a recipient of Inland Container Corporation's Krannert Scholarship. Given him in 1976 for academic achievement in high school, the scholarship is renewed each year that he maintains a high scholastic average. Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bounds and is an active member of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, where he serves on the church youth council and sings in the choir. (William Carey College photo)

Mexican Mission To Be Constituted As Benjamin Burgos Memorial Church

The Mexican Mission of Shelby will be constituted on September 24 as Benjamin Burgos Memorial Baptist Church.

The constitution ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. It will be followed by a covered-dish dinner.

The new church is to be named for the founder of the mission, Benjamin Burgos, Sr., who began work among the Spanish-speaking people of the Delta in

1937. Burgos was pastor of the Mexican Mission until his death in 1968.

Frank Ruiz, director of the language ministry to Spanish-speaking people in the state, is present pastor. His work with the Spanish is supported jointly by the Department of Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the Home Mission Board, SBC. Since he came to the state from Michigan

in 1976, the Mexican Mission's membership has grown from three to 30, with 55 now enrolled in Sunday School.

Ruiz states, "The new church is looking for a bi-lingual man of God to come and lead as pastor. Any prospective pastor may send his resume to me—Rev. Frank G. Ruiz, Box 505, Cleveland, Ms. 38732 or phone me at 601-846-6542."

Revival Results

Rena Lara Church: Aug. 7-12; Howard Aultman, evangelist; Kenneth and Mary Lynn Jenkins, singers and puppet show leaders; H. V. Hardin, pastor; 21 professions of faith, for baptism; four additions by letter; three

other professions of faith; 75 commitments and dedications. (Mike Harris, who surrendered to preach, delivered his first sermon at the church Aug. 28.)

Annie Taylor Dies At 88

Mrs. W. S. (Annie) Taylor of the Monterrey community died at Hinds General Hospital, Jackson, on Sept. 2, after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at her church Briar Hill, Rankin County, on Sept. 3, conducted by Roy Garrison, pastor, and Byron Malone, pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. Interment was in Briar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor was a life-long resident of the Monterrey community where she served faithfully in community and church activities, especially in Woman's Missionary Union.

Survivors include a son, James C. Taylor, a member of the faculty at New Orleans Seminary; and two daughters, Mrs. Willis A. (Ruby) Brown and Nell Taylor, both of the Monterrey community three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Joe Stubblefield of Jackson.

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Hannaford To Dallas Church Votes To Ordain Women

Jim Hannaford, formerly of Moss Point, will present a series of concerts in Mississippi during September.

Music featured will be taken from Hannaford's newest album, "Hannaford with Care." The album includes such favorites as "The King Is Coming," "Lily of the Valley," "Wayfaring Stranger," and several originals by Hannaford and former Mississippi Walter Price. Price is now a student at Southwestern Seminary.

Hannaford's Mississippi concerts are scheduled as follows: Lucedale Youth rally, Sept. 17; First Church, Collins, Sept. 18; Mississippi College, Wednesday morning, Sept. 21; Prentiss Church, Wednesday evening, Sept. 21; Baptist Student Union, University of Southern Mississippi, Thursday evening, Sept. 22; First Church of Amory, Sunday evening, Sept. 25; and Lowrey Memorial Church of Blue Mountain, Sept. 28.

Hannaford will appear on WLBT's "Coffee with Judy," Sept. 15, and on "The Mary Porter Show," WDM television Hattiesburg, on Thursday, Sept. 22.

In early September Hannaford sang at First, Moss Point; First, Pascagoula; and First, Gulfport.

A graduate of Moss Point High School and the University of Southern Mississippi, Hannaford moved to California in 1975 to concentrate on a recording career. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hannaford, ministry of music, First Church, Moss Point.

By Orville Scott

DALLAS (BP) — The second largest

Staff Changes

Philip Pearson has accepted a call to First Church, Eupora, as minister of music and youth. He and his wife, the

former Jane Rollins of Centerville, have moved to Eupora from Hope, Ark. where he served Calvary Church. Born in Kosciusko, he graduated from Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary.

Pearson

Southern Baptist church in Dallas has voted to accept women deacons, and also has authorized Pastor A. Douglas Watterson to proceed with plans to ordain Mrs. Martha Gilmore to the ministry to serve as a chaplain.

The 6,200-member Cliff Temple Baptist Church will become Texas' fourth Southern Baptist church to ordain a woman minister if the ordination council approves.

She said she requested ordination after she became a teacher at a Dallas County jail and began to feel a "sense of call" for women as chaplains.

A 1957 graduate of Baylor University, she is a former school teacher who served in the Dallas school district's pilot program for continuing education for pregnant girls. With her husband, Jerry, an attorney and former Dallas city councilman, she pushed her state laws for vocational training for pregnant girls.

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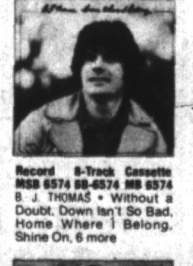
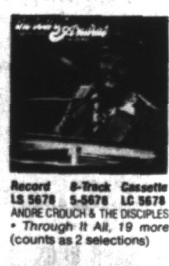
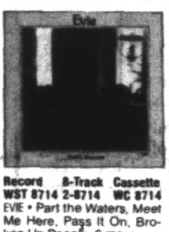
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Missionary News

John and Kathy McNair, Mississippi missionaries to Spain, arrived in Jackson on August 29. While on fall furlough, they and their children, Mark and Heather, will be living at 105 Star Drive, Brandon, MS 39042.

Charles and Indy Whitten, missionaries to Spain, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Mateo Inurria 11-3C, Madrid 16, Spain). Both are natives of Mississippi.

Bob and Mary Lou Simmons, missionary associates to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 715 E. Northside Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39206). They are natives of Mississippi.

James and Charlotte Watts, missionaries to Italy, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1208 Polk Ave., Pascagoula, Miss. 39567). They are natives of Mississippi and both grew up in Pascagoula.

John A. Rierison, father of Mrs. James R. Barron, missionary to Ghana, died Aug. 21 in Newport News, Va. She may be addressed at P. O. Box 400, Accra, Ghana. The former Linda Rierison, she was born in Greensboro, N. C., and grew up in Newport News. Dr. Barron was born in Huntsville, Ala., and grew up near Clarksville, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm G. Nichols, missionary appointees to Korea, will attend the 14-week orientation program beginning Sept. 12 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822).

Cynthia L. McGee, missionary appointee to Chile, will attend the 14-week orientation program beginning Sept. 12 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822).

Mr. and Mrs. Darryle W. Dunks, missionary appointees to East Africa, will attend the 14-week orientation program beginning Sept. 12 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822).

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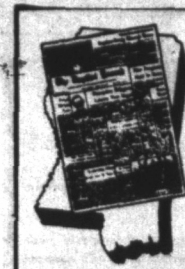
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RED BANKS CHURCH broke ground August 14 for a children's building. The brick veneer structure to be built west of the present church will later be connected to a new auditorium. The centrally heated and air-conditioned building will include four preschool departments and three children's departments. Left to right: J. W. Martin, Joe James, R. G. Houston, Charles Tinner, C. C. Roland, Wayne Briscoe, members of the Building Committee, and Pastor Homer Worsham. (Another Building Committee member, Robert Mayer, is not pictured.)



BROADMOOR CHURCH, GULFPORT, has burned a note representing a \$100,000 loan for an education building and additional property. The note was paid over a 20-year period. J. D. Aycock, right, formerly pastor at Broadmoor for 20 years, was guest speaker at the note burning service. Bruce Capleman, pastor, left, and Bob Waterbury, center, church treasurer, assisted in the note burning. Kevin Idigpio, newly elected music and youth leader, and "Love Incorporated," a group of ladies from Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, provided special music. An old-fashioned theme was carried out for the day, including dinner on the grounds.

Clear Branch Church, Rankin County, burned the note on the church pastorage during a special service on Sunday afternoon at the beginning of their revival. The pastor's home was paid for by the end of the 16th month after it was built. The church has also added central air and heat in the auditorium. Pat McNair was evangelist for the revival. Roger Lee is the pastor.

Paul Powell was youth pastor for the youth week held Aug. 14-21 at Highland Church, Laurel.

Other church officers were Vic Flowers, music director; Charles Wright, Sunday School director; Kent Monroe, Church Training director; Jennifer Graves, pianist; and Jeff Pounds, organist.

The Sunday morning message Aug. 21 was preached by Rick Axtell, youth director. The Youth Choir presented the music "Celebration of Hope," Sunday evening, under direction of Harvey Kelly, minister of music.

Self Creek, Oktibbeha County, celebrated the church's 76th anniversary on Sept. 11. Dinner on the grounds followed Sunday school and preaching. Young men who grew up in the church and who have entered the ministry were speakers at the afternoon service. Douglas Dexter is the pastor.

Singers from Franklin Creek Church and Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, presented special music at First Church, Orange Grove on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 11. It was a special Sunday at Orange Grove, with dinner on the grounds. H. L. Davis is the pastor.

Emmanuel Church, Greenville, had homecoming on Sept. 11, with dinner in the fellowship hall. Thomas Walker, the first pastor of the church, was speaker for the morning service. Tim Edwards and the Crusaders were in charge of the afternoon song service. Hugh A. Martin is the pastor.

Do not lose the habit of praying to the unseen Divinity. Prayer for worldly goods is worse than fruitless, but prayer for strength of soul is that passion of the soul which catches the gift it seeks. — George Meredith

Former State Pastor Dies

Bill Slaymaker, former Mississippi pastor, died recently in Phoenix, Ariz. of an apparent heart attack. The funeral was held in Phoenix. Burial with full military honors was in the Greenwood Memorial Park in Phoenix.

In the fifties and early sixties, Slaymaker was pastor in Mississippi. His pastorates in the state included Union Hall Church in Brookhaven and New Hebron near Yazoo City.

A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, he had served for several years in Puerto Rico on the island of St. Kitts. His latest pastorate was the Orangewood Church in Phoenix.

Revival Dates

Central, Brookhaven: Sept. 18-22; James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Floyd Grice, Mobile, music evangelist; Mrs. Barbara Scafield, organist; Mrs. Camille Grim, pianist; H. Glen Schilling, pastor; Mike Grim, minister of music; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Children's Choir to sing each evening.

Big Level, Wiggins: Sept. 18-23; Harry McGuffee, pastor of Broussard Grove Church, Prairieville, La., evangelist; Gwen Hitt, in charge of music; guest conductor Monday night, Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; special music by Eerkinston Church on Tuesday, McHenry Church on Wednesday, Wiggins, First Church on Thursday, and Bond Church on Friday; Julian Burt, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; during week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Colonial Heights Church, Jackson: Sept. 25-30; services at 7 p.m.; James H. Wilson of the Billy Graham Team, evangelist; Larry McFadden, full-time evangelistic singer, guest musician; Len Turner, pastor.

First, Carthage: Sept. 18-23; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Bobby Moore, Broadway, Memphis, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City, in charge of music; J. B. Miller, pastor.

Devotional

A Lesson In History: "Roots"

By James E. Scirratt, Pastor, Woodland Hills, Jackson

Every man wants to be remembered. Perhaps this desire to be remembered is one reason men look into the past to find their heritage. In recent years in the literature of our country several books have been written to examine our heritage. One of these books was "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" and another book was Alex Haley's "Roots."

If one is interested in the past, he can have his family tree researched by a genealogy company for a fee. Man seems to have an insatiable quest about his heritage and his history.

There is a problem with the ancestors, however. As soon as a family discovers a distinguished family member of history, the search is over. Our roots go back far beyond the popular figure of history.

In fact, our roots go back farther than any family heritage. What is man's heritage? What is man's past? What are man's roots?

A lecture in a seminary class many years ago is still vivid today. The points of that lecture help answer the question about man's roots.

By creation man is the radiant handiwork of God. This is where man begins — in the divine plan of God by creation. God had created all the universe and everything in the universe, and then He created His highest achievement, man.

All of God's radiant handiwork was shown in man. He made man to love, to care, to give and to respond. He created in man a little of Himself. Man's history begins with creation.

By choice, man is a rebellious sinner against God. This truth is hard to face in the history of man. It would be easier to face if your history showed nothing but righteousness, and obedience. But man chose to rebel, and in rebellion he became a sinner. Man's history is clouded with his choice of sin. But by conversion, man is the redeemed son of God. In order that man could be forgiven for sin, God sent the Redeemer to pay the price for sin.

Christ redeems man for the Father, and when man accepts Christ in faith as Lord, man becomes a child of God. This is man's history; this is man's heritage.

Renewal Conference Emphasizes Equipping

A fifth annual National Renewal Evangelism and Ministry Conference for 400 persons from throughout the United States will be held October 17-23 at the Georgia Baptist Assembly in Toccoa.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Brotherhood Commission, the conference will emphasize the equipping of Southern Baptist lay leaders, pastors and denominational leaders in the process of renewal.

David Haney, director of the lay renewal department at the Commission, said the conferees will examine focus events and ongoing renewal strategies for developing lifestyle evangelism and ministry during the first four days of the conference.

Special workshops are planned for renewal consultants, adults, youth and children's coordinators, small group leaders, and denominational leaders.

During the last three days of the conference, the participants will experience the dynamics of a renewal weekend.

Theme of the conference is "The Awakening of the Laity." Besides Haney, principal speakers include Reid Hardin, director of renewal evangelism for the mission board; Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; James and Mary Tillman, Atlanta sociologists; and John Havlik, director of evangelism editorial services for the mission board.

The cost for both sessions is \$105 per person. That includes a registration fee of \$35 and room and meals costing \$70. Total costs are \$72 for the first session and \$33 for the second session.

Persons wanting to register or get more information should write to Hardin at 1350 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For September 18

The Destructive Power of A Lie

By Bill Duncan
First, Long Beach

Exodus 20:16; 1 Kings 21:8-13; Proverbs 6:16-19; Matthew 12:36-37

"Thou shalt not bear false witness." "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" asked the court clerk. This is a question often heard in a court. A false testimony can be very harmful.



Duncan

This commandment refers to all of our relations. The primary concern is with false testimony in formal cases, but cutting gossip may also violate the spirit of the commandment. The idea may be to include slander. However, this is basically a command not to lie. A person can lie in many ways. He may bear false witness by refusing to say anything — by keeping silent when he should speak. A person may refuse to show integrity of character by the tone or inflection of the voice, by the movement of the head or hands, or by the shrugging of the shoulders. We all have many opportunities to be true witnesses.

Every possible step is to be taken to insure that the system of law remains just. Partiality is not to be shown to either the rich or the poor. Justice is to be the determining factor within the courts.

One's word is to be true and dependable, worthy of the trust and confidence of all men. Trust and truth are the foundation stones of any society. The people of God, above all other people, should engage in a continuing search for truth. The community of faith cannot long survive in the darkness of falsehood and misunderstanding. One is expected to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." The people of God are to seek the truth and then to share it.

There are acts that are evil, not in abstraction, but in their effect on human beings. Killing is evil because it is persons who suffer and die. Adultery is evil because it is a person to whom a man is disloyal when he breaks his marriage vows. Theft is evil because private property represents the blood and sweat of another human being. In the same way a lie is evil because it harms one's neighbor.

The ninth commandment is almost universally broken. Thousands of highly respectable persons who would

want it so badly that we do almost anything to get it. We often make other people look bad to make ourselves appear to be good. Ask yourself this question: "Do you avoid talebearing and detraction, and are you careful concerning the reputations of others?"

Dale Carnegie once said, "Criticism is like homing pigeons. They always return home."

The same is true with lies. We should treat others as we would want to be treated.

Every person is accountable for every word which he speaks. Words are not spoken accidentally. They reveal that which is in the heart of a person. Our words will be entered into the accounting of the great total and will be a factor in the divine estimate of our character. We must be careful to pass on only that which we know is true and to be sure that we do not leave a wrong impression.

Sunday School Lesson: International For September 18

Hope Can Overcome Despair

By W. J. Fallis
Luke 6:12-26; Romans 8:18-39

We started this study of New Testament teachings on present-day human concerns by looking at what it means to be a Christian. New Testament writers insist that Christian life-style is different from that of the "world"; also the Christian is expected to live responsibly in society. This lesson picks out another distinctive — hope. It is not a kind of general hope that always expects something better to turn up. Christian hope is based on the resurrection of Christ as God's mighty act to assure believers that God is in control of the world of good and evil. In our times of hostility, widespread hunger, and cultural upheaval, some theologians have been emphasizing the significance of hope to counter despair. It is far more than whistling in the dark; it is a stubborn and realistic thrust of the spirit.



Fallis

The Lesson Explained
The Healer Confronted Disease (Luke 6:17-19)
Verse 12 helps us understand verse 17. After a night of prayer in the hill country, Jesus had selected twelve of his followers as the apostles. They would not only learn from him but he would also send them out as his representatives. Their selection meant that Jesus now had some committed followers.

Besides those twelve, notice two other groups that came down to the level place with Jesus: a crowd of disciples and a multitude of people. This is all the evidence we need of his tremendous popularity as a teacher and healer. They came not only from Judea but also from Phoenicia, north of Galilee, and most of them were probably Galileans. They came to be healed of their diseases," perhaps after weeks or even years of suffering. Others were tormented by evil spirits — bereft of speech or hearing, victims of fits or mental imbalance, or in some other way distorted in personality. All these looked to Jesus for help and tried to touch him, "for power was going out from him and healing them all" (v. 19, TEV).

Some Fresh Perspectives (Luke 6:20-26)
After the despair of the sufferers had been overcome by their hope in Christ, he turned to his disciples and began to teach. Verses 20-49 remind us of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, but the sermon here is much shorter. They were both probably based on the same earlier source. Only four Beatitudes appear in Luke, paired with four woes.

Look at them: blessed are the poor (v. 20) and woe to the rich (v. 24); blessed are the hungry (v. 21) and woe to those who are full (v. 25), and so on. In each case Jesus was showing his hearers a new way of looking at life. Being poor could lead a person to depend more on God and prepare him or her for God's reign rather than being only self-sufficient in affluence. Those who "hunger now" are yearning for more satisfaction than the world can offer; those who are full now will eventually

realize how empty their lives have been. Likewise, those who "weep now" for their sins and the suffering of all wronged people will rejoice when God wins out over evil. Even the uncaring jokester must taste God's judgment.

Perhaps giving special attention to the twelve, Jesus said, "Happy are you when men hate you... because of the Son of Man" (v. 22, TEV). That would be a day for leaping with joy because they would be rewarded for enduring as the prophets had done. Things were different from God's viewpoint.

The Called Ones Can Expect Help (Rom. 8:24-25)

The phrase "saved by hope" is difficult for translators and interpreters because the New Testament consensus is that we are saved by grace through faith. Perhaps Paul meant that since our salvation is not complete, our faith kindles a strong assurance that even greater things are to come: victory over evil and eternal life with the Father. These cannot be seen now, but we wait for them with patience. In the same way the Spirit helps us pray beyond our weaknesses by pleading in our behalf. Because God knows the mind of the spirit, he interprets the "signs too deep for words" (26, RSV) according to his will. Verse 28 is a favorite assurance for hosts of believers. In it their hope has been fortified in the face of despair. Most translators prefer the idea that God is working in all things for good rather than the things doing the work. The called ones who love God know he will help them.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, has licensed Claude C. Callender to the gospel ministry. Callender, his wife Ann, sons Blake, Jody, and Chris have moved to Hattiesburg, where he is a student at William Carey College. His plans are to work in the field of religious education. The Callenders reside at 2303 Mimosa Drive, Hattiesburg.



Callender

Mitchell Smith, pastor of Macedonia Church (Lebanon), and his wife, Diane, announce the birth of a son, Brent Mitchell, on Aug. 19, 1977. The Smiths have a daughter, Redonda, 8, and another son, Jason, 4.

Russell Noel, minister of education at First Church, Tulsa, Okla., was elected president at the 57th annual meeting of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association (SWBREA) in Fort Worth. Other officers elected by some 260 persons attending the meeting at Southwestern Seminary were three vice presidents, Norman Fromm of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall; Truman Kerr, associate pastor, Broadmoor Church, Shreveport; and Bobbie Sorrell, director of the education division, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham. Hazel Rogers, adult Sunday School consultant, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, was elected membership secretary, and Jeroline Baker, associate professor, Southwestern Seminary, was named secretary-treasurer.

William M. Pinson, Jr., recently elected president of Golden Gate Seminary, is the recipient of the 1977 Distinguished Service Award presented by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Pinson, who became the fourth president of the California seminary in mid-August, officially accepted the award during the Christian Life Commission's annual meeting in Nashville, September 13-14. The award is presented to a Southern Baptist who has been an outstand-

ing contributor to the cause of applied Christianity. Pinson, is the tenth person to be honored with the award since it was first given in 1965.

Betty Bedsole, children's choir coordinator at First Church, Dallas, has been named as a consultant specializing in the preschool/younger children age-group in the Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department, Nashville, TN. She is a native of North Carolina.

George M. Hall of Palm Beach Garden, Fla., has been named director of deferred giving at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He will have responsibilities in estate planning as an associate in the work of Southern Seminary Foundation. A native of Elberton, Ga., Hall is a graduate of University of Georgia and Southern Seminary.

Wayne Overby, former Mississippi pastor, has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Salem Church, Summerville, S. C. Harry Chaffin, pastor, Overby is in the Air Force. He and his wife, Linda, and three daughters live in Charleston, S. C., where Overby is also attending a Baptist college.

Dale Cross, director of associational missions for the Chicago Metro Baptist Association, has resigned his post to accept a staff position with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Cross, who reported to the HMB Sept. 1, will be director of metropolitan evangelism strategy. A native of Jackson, Mo., Cross is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. He also has been director of associational missions in Detroit, Mich., and a pastor in Michigan and Texas. In his new post, Cross will provide consultative leadership for the development of metropolitan evangelism strategy, working with SBC agencies, state and associational evangelism leadership. He and his wife, Karen Sue, have three children.



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